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1. Greek fears over coming GA session--US Ambassador Grady reports that, as the General Assembly session approaches, the Greeks are beginning to fear that they have much to lose and little to gain. They are particularly anxious lest any formal conciliation talks sponsored by the Big Four result in a compromise which: (a) might provide an opportunity for the USSR to intervene in such Greek internal affairs as elections and the treatment of the guerrillas; and (b) thus enable the USSR to continue, through political means, to promote unrest and disorder that would require the expenditure of US aid largely for non-productive purposes. Grady feels that any consultations between Greece and its northern neighbors should therefore be under UN rather than Big Four auspices, unless there are concrete indications of a change in the Soviet attitude. Grady also urges that the US concentrate its efforts on the heart of the problem, namely Albania and Bulgaria, and endeavor to secure strong GA recommendations which would provide some hope of at least interfering with the return of the guerrillas to Greece from those countries.

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